

Institutions by awarding scholarships/fellowships under the Cultural Exchange Programmes;

- (b) if so, the year-wise number of students/academicians sponsored/sent abroad under the above referred Programs during the last five year;
- (c) the number of persons belonging to SC/ST categories among them and their percentage, as compared to the total number; and
- (d) whether adequate number of persons belonging to the SCs/STs are not sponsored/sent; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A limited number of students, as finally selected by the donor countries, on the basis of a list prepared by us, go abroad each year under the Cultural Exchange Programs.

(b) Year	No. of students sent abroad
1995-96	108
1996-97	102
1997-98	84
1998-99	92
1999-2000	73

(c) Since the Schemes of scholarships are drawn up by foreign countries, there is no provision for reservation for any category. Therefore, no information is compiled in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Reduction in UGC funds to Universities

2873. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has drastically reduced allocation of funds/grants to universities in the country; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for the reduction and the extent of allocation to each University during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure on Women Related Programmes

† 2874. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than thirty thousand crore rupees have been spent so far on various development schemes and programmes related to women;
- (b) if so, whether any targeted effect thereof is visible;
- (c) if not, the main reasons therefor; and
- (d) Government's future plans in this regard on the basis of their earlier experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMJTRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The effect of the various development schemes on women and children are visible in terms of improvement in nutritional standards, decrease in infant mortality, increase in female literacy and employment etc.

(d) The Government intend to further intensify its efforts for the development of women and children in the country.

Amendments in KVS Recruitment Rules

2875. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of amendments which were proposed in the recently concluded meeting of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, in the existing recruitment rules for different categories of employees; and
- (b) what has been the fate of this and other proposals?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement is enclosed (*see. below*)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.